

**2013 APPROVED
WORK PLANS AND MEETING SCHEDULES
for the
WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
and
DROUGHT SUBCOMMITTEE**

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Work Plans

The Water and Natural Resources Committee and Drought Subcommittee were created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on April 30, 2013. The committee and subcommittee propose to focus on the following topics:

1. water management, research, litigation and projects, including testimony on the following agenda items:
 - (a) reports required by statute from the state engineer and the Interstate Stream Commission;
 - (b) Indian water rights settlements — update on status and status of state cost-share funding through the Indian Water Rights Settlement Fund;
 - (c) update on the status of the revised biological opinion for the middle Rio Grande;
 - (d) Gila River planning process status update (Arizona Water Settlements Act of 2004);
 - (e) acequia issues;
 - (f) state and regional water plans update;
 - (g) state-federal cooperation on watershed health planning and management;
 - (h) report on the study of the Rio Grande levees within Valencia, Bernalillo and Sandoval counties — Mid-Rio Grande Levee Task Force;
 - (i) Water Trust Board projects and funding;
 - (j) rules on the protection of ground water resources;
 - (k) review of domestic well management areas and *Bounds v. State of New Mexico*; and
 - (l) other issues as determined by the chair;
2. agriculture, land use and game and fish issues, including:

- (a) renewable energy portfolio standards and thermal energy from forest biomass (SB 204, 2013);
 - (b) update on state parks from the State Parks Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department;
 - (c) report on game and fish issues in the state from the Department of Game and Fish, including listing of the lesser prairie chicken; and
 - (d) report on livestock issues from the New Mexico Livestock Board; and
3. Drought Subcommittee reports — possible topics for subcommittee include:
- (a) drought management plans and policies;
 - (b) ground water storage and recovery;
 - (c) strategic water reserve;
 - (d) Rio Grande Compact;
 - (e) Pecos River Compact;
 - (f) augmentation of water supply;
 - (g) drought outlook — report from the New Mexico Drought Task Force;
 - (h) implementation of active water resource management;
 - (i) federal Endangered Species Act challenges;
 - (j) conservation; and
 - (k) Colorado River Basin water supply and demand study.

**2013 Proposed Meeting Schedules
Water and Natural Resources Committee**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 10	Santa Fe
July 25-26	Clovis
August 29-30	Farmington
October 15-16	Las Cruces
November 14-15	Santa Fe

Drought Subcommittee

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
July 24	Clovis
August 28	Farmington
October 14	Las Cruces